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Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Coalition for a Smokefree Minnesota

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Tom Briant, Esq., of the Minnesota Wholesalers Association has obtained over 500 pages of documents from a recently conducted FOIA of the state's ASSIST program. Tom developed the attached chart from his review of the documents. According to his analysis, it appears that the state's coalition members have submitted bids to HHS and received funding for the following activities:

- 1) Ban smoking in public places and in the workplace
- 2) Propose cigarette vending machine bans
- 3) Reduce youth access to tobacco through city ordinances
- 4) Eliminate self-service
- 5) Training youth between 13-18, teachers and youth organizations to lobby state legislators
- 6) Reduce tobacco use by decreasing tobacco advertising
- 7) Encourage cities to increase tobacco license fees

Tom's chart reflects more than \$400,000 in grants that have already been obtained by HHS for these activities. I have the documents from Tom's first FOIA and will receive updates from a second FOIA that will soon be submitted to the state health department.

Along with Tom's chart, I've included a list of the total HHS funding by state for this project through FY 1993. To date, state ASSIST coalitions have received \$17.5 million.

\$98 million in ASSIST program funds remain for state activities in the 17 participating states for the remaining four years of the program.

Tom's work reaffirms the value of conducting FOIAs in ASSIST states. As we discussed, it is important that we finalize our selection of states for this activity.

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for chart*

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